kers bound for the Klondike country. Of the passengers, which was the number at first unced, just 33 appeared yesterday at the r, and one of those came only to get his bag e and retire from the project with frantic ste. Mrs. Hannah Gould, who was to have ted as guide, preceptress, chaperon, and gen good angel to forty cooks, nurses, and Klondike in a blaze of glory and denim terbeckers, found her number reduced t tht. In one respect, however, she lived noble unced that no woman under 24 would be al-wed in the party. There wasn't one among women Klondikers who wasn't twenty goo are on the safe side. Maybe the rest of the berty were weighed in the balance and found

wanting in years. Crowds visited the City of Columbia all the morning and afternoon up to 3:30, the time of sailing. They found her a seaworthy looking vessel, comfortably fitted up, but in the most mazing confusion, bundles, baskets, trunks, bales, satchels, grips, packages, and the thou sand and one paraphernalia of travel scattered bout everywhere, while bawling stevedores dded to the mess by contributing a continuous urrent of newly arrived baggage. When the enfusion was at its height a wild-cyed man galped up the gangplank shouting for the Cap

"I want to get off," he shouted. "I want to se away. No Klondike in mine. Gimme my baggage !"
. One of the officers took him to the dining sa

on, where he grabbed a huge grip, a shaw trap, and a bundle, and fled from the ship as if expected to be captured and put in irons for "What's your name I" somebody called to him

as be reached the pier.
"Never you mind," he shouted back. "I'll ever go on any Yukon gold claim. This suntry's good enough for me."

Opinion was divided among the others as to bether the deserter had suddenly fallen heir to a fortune here or had simply lost heart. Among those who stuck to the ship not a few and a hard struggle to keep up their spirits. n the misery-loves-company principle, about ozen of these gathered in the saloon a round yeral bottles of champagne, and, having pre fously lightened their spirits by a liberal se of this beverage, proceeded to cheer each ther along with a song specially provided for the occasion. It was a cheerful ditty, and the stanza of it which THE SUN reporter heard was condered as follows:

onacred as follows:

Oh, hurrah [suiff] for the Klon [suufie] dikel

That's the [suppressed s.b] place for [snort] mel

trip [garajs] on the ocean [quaver]

So joyous [blubber] and free [suspicious cough]. Then came a long pause, during which there was a general use of handkerchiefs, followed by the chorus:

The Elosdike [mort], the Klondike [snuff]; its wealth (shoke) is untold! Hurrah [sob] for the Klon [gurgle] dike and [in die-away tones] glittering gold!

Hurah [sob] for the Kion [gurgle] dike and [in diea way tones] glittering gold!

At the conclusion everybody wept bitterly on
is neighbor's shoulder until all had recovered
enough for a repetition of the celivening ballad.
Passing one of the deck cabins, the reporter saw
a pair of eyes at a crack of the window.

"Whist!" said a low voice inside. "How soon
they going to start!"

"Half an hour, replied the reporter, "Aren't
you coming out to see the last of it!"

"Not if I know myself, "said the owner of the
eyes. You may be a sheriff's officer yourself,
for all I know. I come near having to swim to
get on board at all without getting caught,
Never mind; when I strike gold I'll pay all my
lebts and have a million aver."

On the starboard rail leaned an elderly man
fan attitude of the deepest dejection.

"Never mind, my friend," said a symmathetie
yet ander, "you'll be coming back rich in a
year."

"No. I won't. I sain't golne," said the mourne. "No, I won't. I ain't going," said the mourn

"No. I won't. I ain't going," said the monraful one.
"What are you looking so broke up for, then?"
"That's why, damn it?" said the man as ho
dropped his head in his hands.
In another spot near the rail stood a passensur looking down at a lighter alongside.
"I s'pose," he said reflectively, "a fellow
sould jump and land on that, even after the
oat started."
"You ain't going to try it, are you?" asked ander man.

oer man.

No, I ain't," said the passenger. "I'm here ad I'm going to stay here, but I recken when the whistle sounds to start I'll go into my cabin and get tight hold of my bunk and hang on. It's a terrible temptation," he sighed; "that

It's a terrible temptation, he sighed; "that lighter lying there so close."
One of the visitors on the boat was the Hon. William Sulzer. He was wandering around ooking at everything with interest when an aebriated person who, as he informed the pubhahad just said good-by to all the friends of his childhood, spied the obuilient statesman. "Sulzer!" he exclaimed. "Bill Old Bill! "Nezzer friend goin' to Klond-hic-hike! Bill, be heart-hic-is wrung wiz anguish. "It was quite in vain for the boy atatesman to rotest that he wasn't going to the Klondike. "Whaffor F' cried the other, growing oratorial, "Wha's he goin' for! For-hic-gold, old, cursed-hic-gold! And him our leadin' ee-silver leader. Deserts his-hic-principles h' his country at one swoop. Oh. Bill!" He was preparing more elequence when Capt. C. Baker shouted:
"All ashore! Everybody not going to the

He was preparing more cloquence when Capt. C. Baker shouled:

"All sahore! Everybody not going to the londike get off the ship."

There was a general hustle for the pier and a sh for the end of the dock, but just then the d Dominion line steamer Jamestown came in d tied up across the end, completely blocking eview there, so that the friends of the departic Klondikers were forced to gather along the angwsy openings at the side. A delay of half a hour followed. Then the tugs in attendance otted their whistles, the boats out in the river ave a salute, and the City of Columbia moved rith at 3:50 only twenty minutes later than to time set for the departure. As she moved ong parallel to the pier the crowd shouled all rits of farewells.

"Bring me back a nugget."

"Good luck to you. Hope you strike gold."

"Come back a millionaire. I need a couple of undred thousand myself."

"Remember to keep your throat wrapped up.

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"Remember to keep your throat wrapped up, y boy," quavored out a little old woman who at been waving frantically at a young man ear the bow. "You eatch cold so easy." 'Good-by!" "So long!" "Lebwohl!" "Good ck!" shouted everybody on the pier, and the swering calls of those on the boat died away she swing cut into the stream.

The City of Columbia is under the command of bt. E. C. Beker, who is noted as commander the Brazilian dynamite cruiser Nictheroy, the him are Lieutenant-Commander Garrett h Ideratine, late of the Brazilian Navy, as tofficer, and B. E. Howell as steward. The isenger list, as given out yesterday, was as lows. The name of the deserter was not seed, and it didn't appear that Mrs. Gould at:

time and Residence.	Destination.
R. Adams, New York	.Dawson City.
Welly, New York	Dawson City.
to Dehns, New York	Dawson City.
N. E. Travis, Hoboken	Dawson City.
I Francis Bell, New York	Debugge City
et. A. V. Partridge, Lowell, Mass	Circle City
R Joseph Fitzgerald Renaktive	Diamagn City
A Joseph Fitzgerald, Brooklyn A Lena Huller, New York	Dawson City
A P. J. Lines, Brooklyn	Daniel City
Murgaret Henderson, Pittaburg	. Linew month t. 15y.
a E. Healey, New Haven	Traweson City.
Mr. Healey, New Haven	. San Francisco.
V. Verner, Pittahurg	. martin.
7. Hitchings, Boston	Ban Diego.
In ern New York	Dawson City.
Mr. C. Perrine, Pittsburg	Seattle.
seorge Netll, New York	Dawson City.
M E. Hoyn, Tenaffy, N. J	Dawson City.
mard behenkel, Tenafly	Dawson City.
grett Busch, New York	Dawson City.
minics Astegher, New York	Dawson City.
Ma Astegier, New York	. Dawson City.
E R Cregg, Pittsburg	Seattle.
derick Beck, New York	Dawson City.
bry Back, New York	Dawson City.
ary Back, New York Orles Robbins, New York	Dawson City.
laidenhorn, Brooklyn	Dawson City.
In W. Pinckley, New York	Dawson City.
D. Kemf. New York	. Dawson City.
4. Erickson, New York	Dawson City.
J. H. Watson, Hoboken	Dawson Ciry
A. E. Southward, New York	Drawnen City
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asa Spring, Jr., New York	The second second second

6.2.00 volumes, consisting of light reading and bks on the subject of mining, accompanied by ups of the klondike country. The route will from here to the Bahamas, Rio, Montevideo baits of Marellan, Valparaiso, Callao, San ancisco, Seatie, and the mouth of the Yukon. Is voyage, it is said, will be the longest everton by a steam vesset—19,500 miles. A togerying about twenty-five persons accompanied a ship down the bay. TIRST ASSEMBLY BALL.

It Was Characterised by a Magnificent Bi play of Contumes and Costly Jewels. The first of this season's assembly balls took place last night, and the matrons under whose direction the series is were congratulating themselves that it was the first festivity of its kind held in the Astoria ballroom. Mrs. Astor, Mrs. James A. Burden, Mrs. Egerton L. Winthrop. Jr., and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney received the guests. They were in gorgeous costumes, and made a wonderful display of diamonds.

They stood in the corridor just outside the ball-

room, it having been converted into a tropical

bower for the occasion. The grand stairway

leading up to it was banked with palms and

flowers, the guests ascending and descending

by the lifts. The circular red room adjoining the bailroom was used to laiter in by the guests on their arrival, and also as a sitting-out room.

There was little attempt at floral decoration in the ballroom, which is ornate and gorgeous to a degree. The upper tier of boxes were filled with exotics, adding a certain cozines Southern vines trailed over these boxes, and also from the big niches, which were also filled with plants. A screen of exotics partially concealed the orchestra from view up in the Western end of the upper tier. The dancing at first was informal, but even at this period of

first was informal, but even at this period of the ball the unusual splendor of the women's tellets and the display of jewels was a noticeable feature.

At midnight supper was served in the Astor gallery on small tables. At the centre one were ten covers, where sat the matrons who received and their escerts. The other tables were for parties of four, six, and eight persons. On all of them were nale pink carnations or delicately tinted roses to correspond with the light hues of the gallery decorations.

Atter the supper the cotilion was danced in the baliroom. It was led by Alexander M. Hadden, whose partner was Mrs. Almeric Hugh Paget. Mrs. Paget wore a superb costume of pale blue chiffon over satin, smothered in old point de Venise lace. She wore some strands of splendid pearls. During the favor figures baskets filled with artificial roses and apring flowers were given out; also large fans trimmed with flowers and ribbons. The favors for the beaux corresponded to these. Most of the beaux corresponded to these. Most of the season's debutantes danced in the cotilion.

Miss Grinnell wore a Paris gown of Pompeli pink silk. The front was embrodered with ridnestones, turquoises, and silver spangles. Miss Cornella Livingston Clarkson was in white mousseline de soie over white satin, trimmed with pink velvet. Miss Maizie Delafield was

Miss Cornella Livingston Clarkson was in white mouseeline de soie over white satin, trimmed with pink velvet. Miss Maizie Delafield was in white silk, with chiffon, lace, and pink roses. Miss de Kay was in pale blue satin covered with point d'esprit. Miss Janet Henderson wore a white silk gown embroidered with gold. Aliss Beatrice de Coppet was attired in pink satin. Miss Frances Pell wore a rose satia gown frilled with chiffon, and Miss Eleanor Fitzgeraid was in rose silk with mousseline de soie.

Fitzgeraid was in rose silk with mousseline de sole.

Other débutantes at the ball were: Miss Caroline M. Phelps-Stokes, Miss Isabelle Cameron, Miss Mattide Van Renselaer, Miss Marie Bowers, Miss Helen Van C. Morris, Miss Florence Coppell, Miss Eleanor Thomas, Miss Florence Coppell, Miss Eleanor Thomas, Miss Ruth Hoe and Miss Gertrude Alexardre.

Mrs. William C. Whitney wore a lovely gown of pale blue satin, with clouds of tulic caught with blush roses. Her ornamerts were diamonds and sapphires, Mrs. Robert Minturn Grinnell wore one of cafe au lait velvet. The skirt opened over a white satin petitocat embroddered in gold. The waist corresponded, and on the sleeves were frills of point lace over chiffon puffs. Her ornaments were diamonds. Lady Edward Colebrooke's costume was of pink satin filled with chiffon. Mrs. John T. Wainwright wore a white satin gown with duchosse lace and diamond ornaments. Mrs. John T. Wainwright wore a white satin with point lace, and diamond ornaments. Mrs. Henry Sloane was in white satin with point lace, and diamond ornaments. Mrs. S. Van Rensselaer Cruger wore a pale gray velvet gown with white satin on waist banded with yold, assh to match. Her

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waist banded with gold, sash to match. Her
ornaments were pearls and diamonds, and in
her coiffure was a large diamond creacent.
Mrs. Louis Fitzgerald wore a Nile green satin
costume with lace and diamonds.
Mrs. Alfred Pell was in pale blue moiré. Mrs.
Nathaniel Thayer Robb's gown was of blue
satin with point lace and diamond ornaments.
Mrs. Benjamin S. Church wore a blue velvet
gown, with point lace and pearls. Miss Cameron wore a white silk embroidered with coral
and pearls. Miss Prescott of London, who is
now a guest of Sir Roderick Cameron's family,
was in briurose satin. Miss Angelica Schuyler Church wore a pale bine lisse over satin
of the same hue, caught with red roses.
It was said at the ball last evening that Mrs.
Astor is to give a ball on Jan. 17.

GOLDENLOCKS FAIR.

The small hallroom of the Waldorf-Astoria shone last night with the combined splendor of peroxide locks and electric lights. There was about an equal number of each, so that the effulgence was something remarkable. The oceasion was the opening of the fair which will be continued in the interest of the Professional Woman's League until midnight on Saturday, The semi-editorial programme contains a pathetic appeal to "come one and all and showe us with your gold." But even at present the small ballroom is a capillary Klondike.

As before stated, this is a P. W. L. bazaar. The first attraction to be encountered is a stack of autographed photographs, which form, in the language of Miss Lettice Fairfax, a very stylish booth. Miss Fairfax was not at the bazaar last evening, but she had shone upon it, so it was said, in the afternoon. The photographic booth was comprehensive as well as

graphic booth was comprehensive as well as stylish. Seth Low was there in cabinet size and wearing his before the election smile. One must keep one's self before the people, and autographed pictures help to do it.

The ex-candidate was flanked upon one side by Emnes Caivé, snapping her fingers scornfully right at Mr. Low. Upon the other side Julia Arthur tried to wither him with the blaze of her black eyes. Some of the other components of this stylish outfit were President McKinley, James Corbett, Pope Leo XIII. and Buffalo Bill.

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At one side of the room was an enormous cided hive, within which sundry P. W. L. bees kept up a great buxzing. This buzzing did not come from the gauze wings which they were on their heads. It was declared to proceed solely from the efforts of the busy bees to sell chances on a doll belonging to the booth. This doll has a wardrobe which must be a source of envy to some of the leaguers themselves. It has dresses and ermine capes and bonnets to bura and rubbers and everything of which the heart of a doll ever dreamed.

The costumes of the real people—but one cannot describe the costumes. There were some which had seen the footlights anywhere within the last quarter, of a century; and there were

not describe the costumes. There were some which had seen the footlights anywhere within the last cuarter of a century; and there were others which will never see the footlights at all. Even cruel fate pauses and trembles sometimes and the millinery madnesses of the P. W. L. fair would feaze Medusa herself. Some of the gowns were composite nineteenth century productions. They formed a kind of a history of our own times. Others were what is caffed "fancy." They flourished in the Oriental booths and the Turkish corners and other exotic spots.

In the programme above referred to it is stated that at this bazaar "the matinee girl or boy will have an opportunity of gazing at real, live actresses off the stage, speaking to them, purchasing something from them, and in 20 doing realize that they are not only enjoying a great privilege, but that they are also helping a worthy cause." The "real, live actresses" in charge of the booths are undeniably "off the stage." At every turn last night they could be heard telling how they had just "come in" from such and such a production, "which was an artistic but not a financial success,"

W. F. BURDEN'S WILL.

The Estate, Valued at \$6,000.000, Goes

Mrs. Barden for Life. NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 16 .- Mrs. Burden, widow of William F. Burden, who died suddenly in New York last month, is in Newport, and has presented the will of her late husband at the Probate Clerk's office here for probate. The will was executed some time ago and contained provision for children, but he died without

The Burden villa, which is a palatial structure The Burden villa, which is a palatial structure of brownstone and granite, is situated at Brenton's Cove and overlooks the waters of Narragansett Bay. Next to it is the residence of E. Morgan. In addition to the house and stables there are several boats belonging to the estate. The will says that the contents of the house and stables shall go to Mrs. Burden outright and the remainder of the property to her for life use and then to his brothers. Mrs. Burden is named as executrix and has power to sell real colate. Catate.

The entire estate, including real and personal property, is valued at \$6,000,000.

Suit Against Former County Treasurer Morri

TROY, Dec. 16.-H. O. Ingalls, attorney for the Rensselaer County Board of Supervisors, this afternoon began an action against the bondsmen of former County Treasurer George H. Morrison to recover the securities transferred to Morrison to recover the securities transferred to them by Morrison at the time of the exposure of his defalcation. The action is brought pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board's Super-vibors. The grand total of the securities in pos-session of the bondsmen is \$288,599.69, divided secording to the schedule as follows: Notes, &c., \$115,449.62; stocks, \$142,200; deeds, \$24,600; bonds and mortgages, \$6,400.

MARRIED AND WENT MAD.

DE WITT C. LAWRENCE DEAD IN LOVE, SAYS ROBERT COLLIES.

Didn't Strike the Clergyman That That Wa Madness—Mad Been There Minuself—But Mr. Lawrence Went to a Madhence After the Wooding and Mis Children Dispute Mis Will. The courting of De Witt C. Lawrence, banker nd broker and member of the Union League Club, which resulted in his marriage to the young widow, Mrs. Louisa Colton, was declared in the contest of his will in the Surrogate's Court yesterday to be coincident with h gradual mental aberration. Lawrence's first wife, by whom he had five children, died about 1884, and in 1888 he began to court the widow He married her at Geneva, Switzerland, July 21, 1887. On May 9, 1887, he made a will by which gave the income of \$50,000 to Mrs. Colton and the rest of his estate, which amounts to about \$100,000, to the children by his first wife. The

children are contesting the will. A week after the marriage Lawrence showed propounced evidence of insanity and he was put in an asylum in Paris. He remained in that asylum for several months and was then brought to this country, when he was put in the Middletown Asylum, where he died in April, 1896. At his second marriage Lawrence was Mrs. Colton. The contestants say that soon after he began courting Mrs. Colton he began to buy high-priced horses and to give costly presents to his friends.

The Rev. Robert Collyer, who had known Mr. Lawrence many years and who also knew Mrs. Colton before the marriage, testified in behalf of the widow vesterday. Speaking about the pleasure to sit and listen to the "love story" of Lawrence and "his song of love." Lawrence told the story to him in 1886-1887. "I had been there myself and knew what it was," Mr. Collyer testified. "He told me his love stars and confided in me. He was very much in love;

much more so than most men."
Q.-What did he tell you about the woman he loved her and that when she became his wife he loved her and that when she became his wife he would be the happiest man on earth.

Q.—What else did he say to you? A.—Oh, it was all a love song, such as a man will sing when he is in love.

Q.—Did he appear rational? A.—Oh, yes, so far as a man who is so dead in love can be. He was perfectly sane. He was uncommonly in love.

Q.—Then you considered him sane? A.—He was greatly in love but he was sane?

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Charles L. Tiffany testified that he met Lawrence often prior to 1887 at the Union League Club and considered him sane.

Dr. L. B. Douglas of 123 East Thirty-sixth street testified that he knew Lawrence well, and considered him sane. Mrs. Colton and her father-in-law, Dr. J. B. Cotton, left for Europe in June, 1887. After her departure Lawrence had called upon him and told him that he was spending sleepless nights, and saked that the winces prescribe a trip abroad for him.

Q.—He wanted you to say that it was right for him to go to Europe and contract a marriage with Mrs. Colton! A.—No. He was very anxious to go, and wanted me to prescribe that as a remedy.

Q.—And you acquiesced! A.—Well, yes.

Q.—Didn't he say that it had been arranged that she should go to Europe alone and return in September when they were to be married?

A.—I remember something of that kind, I knew that he was very much in carnest, and was

that he was very much in cornest, and was enamored of her. The condition of his mind was not anything different from what I would ex-pect from one of his age under such circum-

A.—There was an intense anxiety to go to Europe, and you advised that he could go! A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Was his manner any different from what you have observed in younger men who are enamored! A.—I think it was intensified in this case.
Q.—But a little of the same character? A.—

Yes, sir, Q.—Anything unnatural in it! A.—No, sir. Q.—Anything unnatural in it! A.—No, sir. It was not an unnatural manner nor unexpected. The cause of it was the intensity of his love for Mrs. Colton. He was thoroughly in earnest and anxious to meet her, and had not been able to rest after her departure.

Q.—Why do you say his ardor was more intensified than you would expect in a younger man? A.—Well, to quote an old adage, "there is no fool like an old fool." He had been a family man, and was in such a state of mind as we frequently see in just such cases. He was infatuated more than enamored, and thoroughly in earnest.

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Dr. Colton testified that he was opposed at first to his daughter-in-law's marriage to Lawrence.

Q.—Why? A.—Mrs. Colton wanted me to oppose it because she was not sufficiently acquainted with him. After things went on some little time I had my o, inion that Mr. Larwence was a man of excellent character and wealthy, and, on the whole. I thought it would be a good thing for her to marry him, and I rather advised it.

Dr. Colton said that he and his daughter-in-law had been in Geneva only a few weeks when Mr. Lawrence followed them in the summer of 1887. He spent his time in the day playing croquet, and they went to concerts in the evenings. Mr. Lawrence gave a dinner at one of the hotels in celebration of the marriage, and the next day the marriage took place at the Citr Hall in the presence of the Mayor. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence went off for a wedding tour of five days. When they returned to their hotel at Geneva Lawrence told the witness that he was sick, and that if he was at home he would be in bed. Subsequently he said he was feeling very badly, and thought he would never live to return home. They went to Paris immediately to return to this country, but Mr. Larwence was seized with symptoms of mental disturbance in Paris and removed to an asylum.

Mrs. Lawrence testified that her husband showed to sign of insanity until they arrived at Paris. He became ill one night at Paris, his eyes were wild, and he was very much excited. He accused her of trying to poison him and said she was trying to get his money and iewelry. She had sent for two physicians in Paris, who ordered that he be taken to a sanitarium. She had remained in Paris while he was in the sanitarium, and she came over with him to this country, He had to be carefully watched during the voyage.

The case was adjourned a week.

WANAMAKER'S CAT SHOW.

Fifty Resuttful and High-Bred Pumies All the

Thousands of women and children went to Wanamaker's yesterday to see the Christmas cat show that is now in progress there. The pussies came all the way from Maine, and comprised what is said to have been the largest single shipment ever made to New York of high-bred mousers. They were purchased by Mr. Wanamaker expressly for the young people of Greater New York and of Philadelphia. The original happy family consisted of 100 aristocratic members. It was divided after purchase, fifty being sent to Philadelphia, the rest taking

cratic members. It was divided after purchase, fifty being sent to Philadelphia, the rest taking first-class passage for this city. Although they were bought in Maine on the cat farm at Waterville, these pets represent the highest type of Massachusetts blue blood and respectability, being the product of the Wainut Ridge breeding farm. They were sent to Maine as soon as they were old enough to travel.

The cats are of all sizes and all types, each possessing, however, the fluffy tail and long silken fur of the Angora family. They are of many colors, but mainly jet black, snew white, tiger striped, Maltess and silver amethyst. Their eyes are as various hued as their beautiful coats, being blue, pink, gray, green and brilliant black. The cats are exhibited in pairs in large wire eages, ducked with pretty ribbons. About the necks of the pets are other ribbons. There is a cat dector in constant attendance upon them. Over the cages hang innumerable cages of singing birds. Of the entire collection the silver smethysts are the bluest blooded, and are the especial favorites of the women folk. They look like great fur muffs, and are of very gentle and affectionate disposition. The idea of a cat show of this kind is a decided novelty in Metropolitan trade. "It originated with the Philadelphia house," said Manager Ogden yesterday, "and was in the unture of an experiment. It has made a bit, though, if we can judge by the popular interest it has attracted."

It was stated that two of the Ansoras, a black and a yellow and white, had been purchased for the Central Park Zoo. The Zoo folks are to breed the pair, and the colors were selected especially to secure a much desired hue of coat.

John P. Cranford, as the representative of a syndicate of contractors, has made a formal offer to the Brooklya authorities to furnish within two years to the city an additional supply of water, amounting to about 50,000,000 gailons a day, and at an expense to the city of something like \$400,000 a year. He has been a-ked to submit full details of the plan. The increase it is upderstood, is to be drawn from the ponds in Suffelk county.

A Four-Year-Old Child Killed by a Truck. John Deilser, 4 years old, of 278 First street Jersey City, while crossing Jersey avenue and First street at 6 P. M. yesterday, was run over by a truck. The wheels passed over his chest. The driver whipped up his horses and got away. The child was carried into Dr. J. J. Mooney's house, and died in a few minutes.

AMOSEMENTS. The Amateur Camety Cinb's Porfer

When the Amsteur Comedy Club gives Its periodic performances, they are likely to be amateur in name only. Few professional "prouctions" are prepared with greater care or exsense than there casual sessions of the ama eurs, who take their work quite as seriously as If it involved more important consequence than entertainment for them and their friends. It is a rule of amateur performances that the ctors are likely to enjoy themselves con-iderably more than anybody else concerned in them. But it has become customary to assure the spectators a certain amount of diversion-of well ordered, expected, and not accidental diversion. Possibly this became necessary because audiences were growing canny. They had to be coaxed, for without the presence of the spectaamateur art rather dispiriting. So the care which these performances received to-day makes them certain of interesting spectators who may not have a sister, a cousin or even a friend on the stage, or even so modest y identified with the entertainment as to engage in the humble but necessary duty of prompting the actors or ringing down the curtain.

The Amateur Comedy Club represents the best of unprofessional achievement in a theatrica way, and it deserves all the praise that it wants But it—meaning its individual members—desire nothing so much as to be taken seriously. Even in a farce they desire that, and the performance in the Carnegie Lyceum last night represented a highly successful effort in the amateur line. in the Carnegie Lyceum last night represented a highly successful effort in the ammateur line. The attendance was, as usual, large and modish. The play was the familiar adaptation of the German farce of the Von Scoenthans called "A Night Off." The programme made the mistake of attributing the work to Augustin Daly, but even professionals have fallen into that error. The rôle of Brutus Saap fell to Edward Fales Coward, who will soon find himself called a dean of the amateurs on account of his long and faithful service among them. It is with no intention of indulging their fondness for being seriously considered that we can say Mr. Coward plays always with the case and finish of the experienced actor. Last night, in a part that had been acted here by Charles Leclercq and Henry Dixey, he was amusing without exaggeration, and, his comic effects even in a rôle so broadly drawn were agreeably made up of spontaneous humor and practiced skill. Miss Shippen, in the part that May Irwin played first in English, was a comedienne clever enough to shane the honors of the evening with Mr. Coward. The other actors—amateur—were F. E. Camp, L. M. Lawson, G. G. Cleather, J. F. Cushman, and the Misses Ellis and Thornton. Thoy were all very skifful representatives of their different rôles, and they deserve to be taken just as seriously as they want to. It was, indeed, an exceedingly clever performance of the farce, and it may be truthfully said that the audience also enjoyed it. Mr. Coward and Miss Shippen would have entertained any audience, and the friendly disposition of the spectators was no part of their success.

WESTWOOD'S WATER FRANCHISE. Appletack Distiller De Raus Gets a Twenty

WESTWOOD, N. J., Dec. 16.-By a unanimous vote on last Friday night the Mayor and Counell of this borough granted to Cornelius S. De Baun for \$1 a franchise giving him the ex clusive right to lay mains and other pipes in the streets of the borough and to supply water for public and private use. Some of the taxpayers have expressed their disapproval of the action of the municipal authorities. Mr. De Baun is the borough collector. He has

been known for many years as a manufacturer of apple whiskey. When Mr. De Baun found that the demand for applejack was falling off before the enward march of grain juices he added two stories to his distillery, placed in it a powerful engine, sunk a large well which produces water said to be as hard as limestone

produces water said to be as hard as limestone can make it, and opened up a water works. Two large tanks placed on top of the big brick building serve as a reservoir and a landmark for half the county. Having done this, Mr. De Baun obtained permission to lay some pipes in the streets, and he established a few fire hydrants to demonstrate the force of his water supply. The Council voted him a rental for the hydrants at \$20 cach.

The franchise just granted gives Mr. De Baun the "exclusive right and privilege" to lay water mains and pipes in the town for a period of twenty years; permits him to "use meters for every consumer and charge meter rates, while the town must pay him \$20 a hydrant yearly for thirty hydrants, \$17.50 between thirty and forty, and \$15 cach above forty." By this arrangement, it is asserted, Mr. De Baun will have cleared not less than \$5,000 a year by the end of his agreement, or \$100,000 in all.

Several taxpayers have applied to a Paterson lawyer for an opinion unon the propriety of taking legal proceedings to prevent the consummation of the contract.

But Befuses to Pay the 595 Reward He Had

Dr. Leonard A. Dessar of 26 West Fifty eighth street lost last Friday a fine beagl bound which he valued at \$100, and inserted an advertisement in the newspapers offering a beral reward" for the dog's return.

There was no response, and, on the suggestion of a dog fancier who lived in the neighborhood. the doctor offered \$25 reward for the missing the doctor offered \$25 reward for the missing dog. Yesterday a young man brought the hound around to the doctor's and demanded the \$25 reward.

The physician offered the man \$10, refusing to give the \$25, as he suspected that the dog fancier had had the dog from the start. The man would not accept the \$10 and said he would not surrender the animal unless he got the advertised reward.

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Dr. Dessar caused his arrest and related the circumstances to Magistrate Simms in the Yorkville Court. He added that, as the police had put him in possession of the dog, he did not care to make a complaint of larceny against the man.

The prisoner gave the name of Herman Hoffman and said he lived at 167 Lockwood street, Long Island City, and worked on West Fifty-seventh street, this city. He added that he found the doctor's missing hound last Friday and saw the advertisement the next day, but did not have time to return the animal until yesterday. yesterday.

Magistrate Simms discharged the man and told him he would have to sue for it if he was to get the \$25 reward.

ROBBED BY FOOTPADS IN HARLEM. Victim's Cries Summoned Two Detectives Who

Market Gardener George Kleemann brought a oad of produce from his farm at Morris Heights early yesterday morning and sold it at the Harlem market, in First avenue, near 102d street. After the transaction he had \$250 in cash as well as a gold watch, valued at \$200, in his pocket. At 3 o'clock he visited a saloon at 103d street and Second avenue. There he displayed his money freely and treated all hands. He started for his hotel, and while going through

started for his hotel, and while going through 103d street two men jumped out from a doorway in Second avenue and attacked him. One of them knocked him down and both started to search him. One of them stole his watch before the farmer's cries caused them to seek safety in flight.

Rieemann was still calling for help when Detectives Delaney and Latour arrived. They saw two men quietly sauntering up the street smoking eigarettes. The detectives started after the men, who promptly ran. They were caught in a chase of two blocks. The prisoners are John Domhue, aged 24 years, of 200 East 100th street, and John Sinchair, alias O Brien, aged 23 years, residence refused. The farmer's watch was found in Sinchair's pocket. They were held in \$1.500 bail for trial. The detectives say that Sinchair has just finished a term in the penitentiary, and that they hope to fasten other robberies on Donahue.

HIGHWAYMEN IN WILLIAMSBURG. Three Hold-Ups to Oue Week, Evidently by the Same Pair of Crooks.

Within the past week three hold-ups have occurred in the neighborhood of Roebling and North Seventh streets, Williamsburg. On last Saturday night two men wavlaid a Polishaugarhouse laborer, and after beating him robbed him of \$18. On Tuesday night Thomas Gurn of 232 North Seventh street was held up in the vestibule of his house by two men, who choked him and then robbed him of \$32. An hour later John Dwyer, who lives in the same house, was attacked by two men within fifty yards of his home. He succeeded in freeing himself and ran away.

Beturn of Adint E. Stevenson.

Adlai E. Stevenson, accompanied by his wife and his daughter, Miss Letitia Stevenson, arrived yesterday on the North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II. from Genoa. Mr. Stevenson went to Europe last spring as a member of the commission appointed by President McKinley to obtain the views of European countries on internstinal bimetallism. Mr. Stevenson would say nothing in regard to what he had accomplished. Archbishop John J. Kain of St. Louis was also a passenger,

ENJOINED IN A POST HOLE.

THE COURT BE BLOWED, SAID THE BLOOMING BRITISH DIGGER.

the Court's Mandate to Bim and Who Af-terward Asked Juntee Trunx to Funtsh David C. Sheehy, as a taxpayer, obtained a temporary injunction from Justice Pryor about three weeks ago, restraining the Bronx Gas and Electric Company and the Park Department from having wires strung along Pelham Park, and about ten days ago Justice Truax made the injunction permanent. The final order of Justice Trunx was served upon the Park Commissioners, and at first the order was not served spon the officers of the defendant company, but preliminary effort was made to stop the work by serving any workmen who might be found

putting up poles and stringing wires. Assemblyman Joseph L Green, who appear Truax to the final order, went up to Pelham Park before the ink was dry and sought out workmen of the defendant. As the Assembly can came upon the scene James Anderso with earth on his clothes and grimp face, was shovelling up earth for a hole for a te pole. Assemblyman Green hurried up to the edge of the hole and a conversation occurred

omething in this way:
" Hi, there, man, stop it; you're enjoined." "Who the mercy 'ell are you're talking to " the desp-toned voice of the digger replied. ing way, "I have an injunction by which the

court for bids you to dig that hole." "Hi just started the 'ole," came from the pit with a strong cockney twang, "and how could the Court know Hi was doing the blooming digging, and besides Hi didn't know the Judge knew Hi was in the country." *Come, now, no funny business; let me show

you this injunction," said Green. "It is signed by—
At this point a cloud of dirt which took the
Assemblymen about the legs made him retreat
with some passing remarks, but Anderson apologized, and the Assemblyman, approaching the
hele again, started to read the injunction order.
The disgring progressed and earth flew on all
sides while the words of forbidding were read,
and at its conclusion Anderson had sunk himself about a foot in the hole.

"Hi won't be bluffed," said the digger.
"There is no damned injunction that will stop
me."

"There was a man named John Y. McKane who made such a remark and who is spending a term of six years for it." said the Assemblyman. "And here let me read you the original order of Justice Pryor, also foroidding your work." "Don't care a dam for Judge Pryor," said the digger, as he shook some earth from his hair, "or any other Judge of the Supreme Court. You'd better get out of this [as a spaileful dropped about the Assemblyman's shoes]. Don't come around here with any more of your bluffs, because Hi say they don't go."

Mr. Green departed and told of his interview with the digger before Justice Truax yesterday. Counsel for the defendant company, Mr. Cruickshank, appeared for Anderson, and said that he is an Englishman totally ignorant of injunctions who gets \$2 a day as a digger. The work had been stopped within half an hour of the time that Green had seen the digger, and it would have been stopped immediately if an officer of the company had been served with had order. There was a man named John Y. McKane

officer of the company had been served with the order.

Justice Truax asked Lawyer Green if he had been injured, but he said he had not been injured personally. The Judge said:

"The work securs to have been carried on for half an bour only, and by an ignorant man. This court has seventy-five motions to dispose of every day, and though you are technically right, it is hard to take up the court's time when no injury is done. I deny the motion, without costs."

EXTRA PAY FOR WARING'S HOSTLERS They Want 62.34 a Day for Back Sunday Work-Hard to Got It.

Charles Steckler, counsel for the hostlers of the Street Cleaning Department, asked the licard of Estimate yesterday to appropriate money to pay his clients for the work they have ione on Sundays at the rate of \$2,34 a day. The law allowing them pay for Sunday work was passed by the Legislature four years ago, but the amount they should receive was left to the Board of Estimate. The rate was never ixed, and so the bostlers got no extra pay at all. They brought suit to recover the money, and the

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC .- THIS DAY. Sun rises.... 7 18 | Sun sets... 4 84 | Moon rises. 12 04 HIGH WATER—THIS DAY. Sandy Hook 12 45 | Gov.Isl'd. 1 17 | Hell Gate.. 8 10

Arrived-THURSDAY, Dec. 16. Ss Kaiser Wilhelm II., Hogemann, Gibraltar Dec. 7, Ss Cuific, Thomas, Liverpool Dec. 3, Ss Matthew Bedlington, Corner, Palerme. Ss Karamania, Craig, Gibraltar. Ss Callings, Fleetham, Gibraltar. 8s Calliope, Fleetham, Gibraitar, 8s Alesia, Hriand, Ma aga.
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(For later arrivals see First Page.) ARRIVED OUT. Sa Germanic, from New Yerk, at Liverpool Sa Patria, from New York, at Hamburg.

SAILED FROM POREIGN PORTS. Sa Majestic, from Queenstown for New York. Sa Werra, from Gibraitar for New York. Sa Mississippi, from London for New York.

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MRS. HUTTON AND THE BOARDER.

laptes of Their Burning Letters Figure in Mr.

Application was made on behalf of Cocilla lutton, in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn yes terday, for alimony and counsel fee in the suit brought by John Hutton for an absolute divorce Harry C. Donecker, the private secretary of Albert Johnson, President of the Nassau Electric Railroad Company, is the co-respondent. The Huttons were married in 1894. At that time the defendant was 21 and Mr. Hutton was 43 years old. They lived with Mrs. Wolff, the nother of the defendant, in a boarding house at 26 Berkeley place, and all went well, it is said, until Donecker became a boarder in the same house in 1896. Later, Mr. Hutton moved with his wife to 267 Sixth avenue. Donecker soon hired a room in the same house, and Mr. Hutton alleges that between Aug. 19 and Sept. 30, 1896, his wife frequently left him reading in his room while she spent her time in Donecker's room playing cards with him. Some of the letters sent, as alleged, by Donecker to Mrs. Hutton and several sent by the defendant to Donecker are attached to the papers in the case. One is addressed to "Dearest C. C.," and reads:

Bo awfully sorry I can't get home early, but Mr. Johnson wants to dictate, and I can't get away until about 1. Pissas don't nat until I get home, pet, and them we'll eat together, and I'll be able to spend an hour with you, sweetheart.

With fondest love to you, "Clo" dearest,
HARRY.

This to Donecker is said to be in Mrs. Hutton's

handwriting:

MY DEAMENT HARRY: If I could only call you husband, have much happler I would be.

I thought a few lines from me would make you feel real bright for the reas of the afternoon.

I have Eddie standing over me, well, not exactly over me, but pretty near it—and am expecting John in overy minute. me, but pretty near it—and am expecting John in every minute.

On, to be free to love you as I wish to, Harry, dear!
However, the time will soon be here when I can show you how dearly I love you.

By-by, my love (as Minute says), with a great big C. C.

Mr. Hutton sent his wife home to her mother on Seut. 30 and said he would never live with her. He says that Donecker soon joined her there. Decision on the alimony motion was reserved.

EXPLOSIONS IN A SUBWAY.

Mx Man-Hole Covers Blown Off-Due to Elec tricity Iguiting Gas.

A series of explosions in the electric subway in Twenty-third street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, caused considerable excitement and some damage at 7:15 o'clock vesterthunder, was succeeded by half a dozen muffled reports in quick succession as six man-hole overs were blown off. Several of the covers were broken and the cobblestones were loosened around them.

A new gas main is being laid on the northern

A new gas main is being laid on the northern side of the street, and the men at work were badly frightened. Samuel Shield, a driver, who had just arrived with his cart to carry away rubbish, was struck by one of the covers, which was blown twenty feet into the air, and thrown back into the cart. His horse rnn away, but he stopped it after it had gone about a block. The bottom of the cart was splintered and he was badly cut.

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A twelve-inch water main lies near the subway. It supplies fire hydrants chiefly, but has also a four-inch branch into the Chelsea apartment house. This was broken by the shock of the explosion. Water was shut off in the main from Seventh to Ninth avenues within half an hour, and the break was repaired during the day.

The explosion was caused by the ignition, probably by a spark from one of electric light wires, of illuminating gas which had leaked into the subway.

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BLANKE-CUTLER, -On Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1897, at the Hope Congregational Church, Spring-field, Mass , by the Rev. Pani Van Dyke, assisted by the Rev. Ralph W. Brokaw, Harriet Isabelle, youngest daughter of Henry Cutler, to Everett Nexes Blanke of New York city.

EWETT-SHEEWOOD, - On Thursday, Dec. 16, at the Presbyterian Church, Englewood, N. J., by the Bev. James Eells, Maude Agues, daughter of Mrs. John D. Sherwood, and Edward Hull Jewett.

EMAREST. -At Jersey City, on Thursday, Dec. 16, 1897, Laura A. Demarest, daughter of the late William H. and Eliza H. A. Demarost. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services at her late residence. 286 2d st., Jersey City, on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 2 P. M. Please omit flowers. Interment at con-

enience of the family. FREEWAN. -On Tuesday, Dec. 14, at East Orange, N. J., Morris Edgar, son of Mary Dodd and the late George W. Freeman, aged 62 years. funeral services at his late residence, 129 Hamil-

ton st., East Orange, N. J., on Friday, Dec. 17, at 2 o'clock P. M. Interment in Rosedale DWEN.-At his residence, 996 East 93d st., New York city, on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1897, Daniel

Owen, in his 79th year.
Funeral services at his late residence on Friday at
8 P. M. Interment private. Kindly omit flowers. FANDERBECK .- On Thursday, Dec. 16, 1897, at his late residence, 151 Fast Sild st., Abraham

Vanderbeck, aged 59 years. Relatives and friends invited to attend the funeral services at the Park Avenue Methodist Episco-pal Church, 86th st. and Park av., on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 1:30 o'clock P. M. Please omit flowers WARD .- Suddenly, in the 24th year of his age,

Beverley Ward, Jr. Funeral services will be held at his late residence, 804 West 76th at., on Saturday, at 11 A. M. In-terment at Morristown, N. J.

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Suicide Schultz's Widow Will Probably Recover. Mrs. Bernard Schultz, who was shot by her husband at their home in Duer place, Clinton Park, Weehawken Heights, on Wednesday night, will probably recover, so Dr. G. Hoffman, the attending physician, said yesterday. Mrs. Schultz is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Schultz is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Otto Horman, whose house adjoins the one in which the shooting took place. The builet in her right hip has not been extracted.

The police still stick to the belief that Schultz, who killed himself after shooting his wife, had become insane through business troubles.

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